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EARLY MORNING FIRE - KY 1037 was closed early Monday morning due to a wooden railroad bridge being onf ire. Area fire departments responded to the structure that carries vehicle traffic over the main rail line. Early reports from the site indicate the fire may have been deliberately set, stated Keith Todd with the Kentucky Department of Transportation (DOT). Here workers from the DOT and local fire responders addressed a flare up around 8:30 a.m. Monday morning. A KYTC bridge inspector says an initial check of the fire damage indicates mostly railing damage. However, a more thorough inspection of the wooden structure will take a day or two to complete. Meanwhile, KY 1037 will remain closed at the bridge site while that work is being completed. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)





BEAUTIFUL RESULTS - Sheri Roberts hard work and years of learning from the experts have produced beautiful flowers including these peonies (shown above) and the knock out roses and clematis (shown at right) from her beautiful garden despite the extreme dry conditions we have been experiencing in our region.

Valuable 'flower wisdom' during extreme weather conditions

Sheri Roberts

With the extreme dry weather and the invasion of insects, we all need a little help in the flower garden. Hopefully, those of you who like to work with flowers can benefit from some of my "flower wisdom" (gained mainly from the countless mistakes I've made!).

If you don't have a green thumb, stick to the flowers that are hardy and require little care: zinnias and marigolds. My favorite annuals are verbena and lantana which may come back the next year. Mums need to be nipped in early budding to make them bigger and fuller in late August and September. If covered in enough mulch to protect them, they will come back for several years.

The Japanese beetles are already attacking, only this year I have found them on more than my roses and crepe myrtles. Don't be surprised to see your sweet potato vines, Japanese red maple trees, small decorative trees, and laurel bushes with lacy patterns all over the leaves. Beetles tend to feed during the night so you may not notice them at first. How do you get rid of these pesky warriors? I've tried calling my friendly pest control experts, having my husband spray his "special formula," and using many so-called beetle products. What works best for me is to put Bayer Advanced Rose and Flower Care granules in the soil around the flowers in early May. When you find yourself under attack, attach a bottle of Bayer Advanced Insect, Disease, and Mite Control to your hose and spray trees, bushes, and flowers with a heavy coating. I still have to check every other day or so, but I am armed with Garden Safe Houseplant and Garden Insect Killer and spray only where needed. It's a joy to see those little critters fall dead to the ground (where I sometimes stomp on them just to be sure they are goners). Whatever you do, don't buy the beetle traps; that's a sure way to draw more beetles to your yard.

Because it's so dry this summer, I recommend decorative cacti and succulents, especially for containers on decks. They are beautiful and require very little care. If you wish to entice butterflies and hummingbirds, consider pentas; they come in a variety of colors, take full sun, and are quite vigorous. I have many shades of clematis around the house, but I had to learn two very important care facts: constantly snip the old blooms to produce

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City establishes City Administrator position, approves 2012/2013 budget

Charlotte Smith

When the Clinton City Council meets on July 2, the newly established non-elected position of the Office of City Administrator could be appointed by Mayor Tommy Kimbro with approval from the City Council. The position of City Administrator was established during a special called meeting of the Council on Saturday, June 16 when Emergency Ordinance 06-03-2012 was approved.

The responsibilities of the City Administrator (CA) will be to enforce City Code of Ordinances, direct Ordinance compliance actions to include enforcement actions taken by the Clinton Police Department and advise the Mayor in policy formation on the overall problems of the city. The CA will also be available to the Mayor and City Council at all City Council meetings and may attend community and city boards, commissions, and

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Hall says goodbye, moves on to Graves County Senior Center

Susan Hall writes about her decision to make a change from Hickman County to Graves County.

Wow! This is the hardest article I've ever tried to write. How to say a lingering goodbye to a community that I have loved since I first became a part of it in 1985? I remember always thinking, as I checked out groceries at the IGA from May of 1985 until the fall of 1992 how much I loved the fact that Clinton was such a gathering spot for all of the smaller communities that surrounded it. In Carlisle County, where I grew up, there was the Bardwell bunch, the Milburn bunch, and the Arlington bunch, so Hickman County and Clinton was so much fun. The large number of kids that would gather on parking lots to enjoy each other's company was a nightly draw, and someone was always out and about to sit and chat with. At 95 cents a gallon, wasting gas wasn't much of a concern, but sometimes, my girlfriends and I would have to pool our money just to make sure we could make the routine 50+ trips through town on Friday and Saturday nights. Then Sunday would have to include at least one cruise through Columbus Park. I remember the fun of Halloween's where Joe Wayne Weatherford, John Gardner, along with other law enforcement and volunteer fire fighters would get out and make it such a fun night for the older teenagers, complete with a sort of hide and seek game we'd play in teams, and then we'd all help clean up the mess that was left behind. I remember the lines that would form around the corner, people waiting to get into Clark's restaurant. I



Susan Hall

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4UQ fundraising efforts continue in the name of Quincy Russell and St. Jude

Charlotte Smith

Last week was International Neuroblastoma Awareness Week, making it the perfect time to remember Quincy Russell and help raise awareness and funds to help rid the country of this horrible disease. The 4UQ team, organized to honor and remember the life of Quincy, has been raising seed money to further their efforts in raising funds for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. "All the funds we raise go straight to St. Jude," stated Jimbo Berry. "We know that times are tough, and it is sometimes hard to give, but the 4UQ team would like to surpass last year's goal of $6,000. We are working to raising $15,000 this year."

One important part of their fundraising efforts is hosting a golf tournament. "We need 'seed money' to make it happen," explained Berry. "We have looked toward business leaders and community members to help support our efforts to host a golf tournament. The 'seed money' goes toward the cost of the golf course usage and the prize money." Once 4UQ

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POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATES - Clinton Police Officer Jamie Clark graduated from the policy academy on Friday, June 15. He was riding partners with Chase Jones, of Hickman, during his 13 weeks at the academy. (Photo submitted.)

Friends of Columbus-Belmont State Park plan Family Fun Day

Daniel Richardson

The Friends of Columbus-Belmont State Park members met Tuesday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss upcoming events. Treasurer Deena Pittman reported that there are now 35 members, paying $10 per individual membership and $15 per family. She said that there was no treasury report because the paperwork for the 501c3, which is necessary for the organization to be tax-exempt, was not ready.

Among the events discussed was an "Old Fashioned Family Fun Day" for Saturday, June 23, at 1 p.m. Events at the Family Fun Day will include an egg race, a sunflower seed spitting contest, a watermelon eating contest, a sac race (or 3-legged race), and a hula hoop contest. Adults will enjoy a horseshoe-throwing contest. Prizes will be given to the winners of the contest. A Friends of Columbus-Belmont State Park membership will be given to the winner of the horseshoe-throwing contest, and gift certificates to the snack bar will be awarded as prizes for the winners of the other contests.

President Anita Bugg brought up the idea to solicit corporate sponsorships to raise money for the organization. The idea was well received and Allen Poole mentioned that they could use Civil War military ranks to distinguish different levels of sponsorship (i.e. General, Colonel, Lieutenant). It was agreed upon that signs could be printed and placed around the park to recognize sponsors. A bronze plaque was also discussed to display in the Activities Center with the names of the sponsors on them. This corporate sponsorship would be for the Friends of Columbus-Belmont State Park and would be completely separate from the sponsorship of Civil War Days.

During the meeting, members discussed that the American Queen will be in Columbus on August 20, 29, and November 7. The riverboat will be carrying about 50 passengers.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Habitat taking applications

Daniel Richardson

Habitat For Humanity is now taking applications for potential partner families in Hickman County. The next Habitat house will begin construction in the fall. It is not yet known exactly where, other than somewhere in Clinton, or for whom it will be built. What is known is that there will be several volunteers ready to spend 30 of their Saturdays to construct a house for a family in need. It is also known that the family selected to partner with Habitat for Humanity will have to meet some strict criteria to be selected.

In order to qualify to be a partner family, a family must meet three primary criteria, which are based on need, ability to pay, and willingness to partner.

There are two areas in which the partner family must need

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Lacewells to celebrate golden anniversary July 1

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lacewell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 1, at the First United Methodist Church Young Center at Clinton, Ky.

Mr. Lacewell and the former Joan Kimbell were married July 1, 1962 by the Rev. T. Y. Smithmier at Jackson Chapel Methodist Church. Their attendants were Linda Kimbell Jackson, sister of the bride and Harry Lacewell, brother of the groom.

Mrs. Lacewell is retired from the Hickman County School System where she was secretary at Fulgham Elementary and at Hickman County High School for 34 1/2 years. She is the daughter of the late James and Mary Kimbell.

Mr. Lacewell is retired from General Tire & Rubber Co. where he was employed for 35 1/2 years. He is the son of the late Cecil and Francis Lacewell.

They have two children: Keith Lacewell of Wingo and Tammy Lacewell of Trenton, Tenn., and two grandchildren Jamie and Garrett Lacewell.



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lacwell



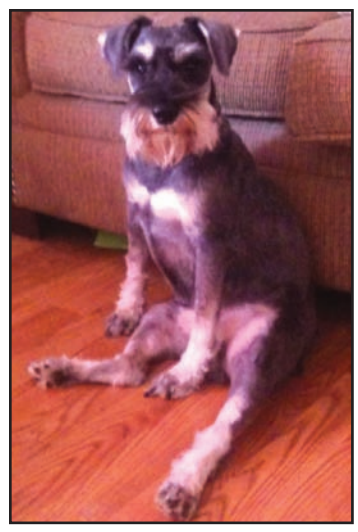
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry and Joan Lacwell in 1962



CELEBRATING PET MONTH WITH A PET CONTEST - Clinton Bank celebrated Pet Month during the month of May with a Pet Contest. The winners from Clinton Bank's Pet Contest are as follows: Most Original was Leena, a Weimaraner; her owners are Rick, Judy and Courtney Canty all from Clinton, KY. Funniest was Jake, a Miniature Schnauzer; his pet owners are Corey and Kayla Mullis of Fulton, KY. The Cutest pet was our final category and Nosey, a Miniature Schnauzer, won the cutest pet. Nosey's owners are David and Peggy Smith of Clinton, KY. Thank you to everyone that participated in Clinton Bank's first Pet Contest. Keep snapping those pictures of your furry friends and enter them in next year's contest.



MYSTERY TRIP - Last week (left to right) Glen Suiter, Maxine Easley, Judy Powell, Betty Burkett, Betty Bondurant, Johnnie Sutton, Katie Wooley, Dwain Abell, Bonnie Butler, Judy Abell, Bobbye Foster, Martha Copeland, Tillie Coffman, Julia Davis, T C & Dottie Conner, Carlos and Judy McClure, Chris Cates, Roberta Barclay, and Jerrald and Bette Chandler enjoyed a mystery trip to Eureka Springs, Mo. They boarded a bus on Monday morning, June 11, with no clue to where they were headed for the three day, two night trip. (Photo submitted.)



Jake, Funniest Pet



Nosey, Cutest Pet

Locals enjoy FCB "Mystery Trip" to Eureka Springs

Charlotte Smith

Twenty-four trusting individuals, boarded a bus bound for an unknown destination on Monday, June 11 for the annual First Community Bank (FCB) "Mystery Trip." "Every year they pay and have no clue on where they are headed for three days and two nights," stated Lori Allen with FCB. "It was my first time heading up the trip and the entire group was a pleasure to spend time with as we experienced a variety of different things."

After heading out on their surprise excursionat around 7 a.m., driving through a storm, making a wrong turn and driving down a crooked road, the group arrived in Eurkea Springs, Mo., on time. "After all that we still reached the Historic Crescent Hotel in Eureka Springs on schedule," said Allen.

Everyone took in the breathtaking view of the hotel, built in 1886, noted as the most haunted hotel. "We ate in the beautiful crystal dining room on the first night," she added.

The next day the group enjoyed a one-hour tram tour, shopped, explored the downtown area and had lunch aboard the Eureka Springs and North Arkansas Railway.

In the evening they were treated to an outdoor viewing of the "Passion Play" during a dinner theatre event.

On the return journey home, they took time to stop in Springfield, Mo., at Bass Pro Shop, seeing the sights and eating lunch before returning to Hickman County.

"Our next trip will be at Christmas," said Allen. "We will spend time in Louisville seeing White Christmas at the Derby Dinner Playhouse, view the Lights Under Louisville, visit the attraction Gault House and also see the Princess Diana exhibit at the Frazier Historical Museum." An exact date hasn't been set for the December trip.



ROTARY RESTORATION PROJECT UNDERWAY - The two story brick building owned by Bobby Brown will be the first building restored by the Clinton Rotary Club. Plans are to start within the next few weeks power washing and painting the building. The Rotary Club will utilize a professional painter for this project. Other buildings in the future might possibly be painted by volunteers from Rotary. Different shades of the same hue with some contrasting colors will be used to enhancement the appearance of the buildings located in the business district in downtown Clinton. (Photo by Daniel Richardson.)



NEW PRIEST FOR ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH - St. Jude Catholic Church priest Father Joosa (Joe) Marydasan welcomed Cleatus Murphy (second from left), of St. Joseph in Mayfield to sing during mass and Denise McWhorter (second from right) of St. Denis in Fancy Farm played the organ. Murphy and McWhorter are pictured with Father Joe (far left) and Joe McWhorter after mass on Saturday, June 16 in Hickman at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. A welcoming dinner was held after the evening mass for Father Joe who has been with Sacred Heart, St. Edward and St. Jude for approximately four weeks now. The three churches are known as the Tri-Parish. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)



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Grant funds make robotics camp possible in Hickman County

Charlotte Smith

A robotics camp, provided through a grant received by Murray State University (MSU), provided Hickman County students with a week of fun, summer time learning. Dr. Brandi King, with MSU, received a grant through the regional stewardship program to bring the robotics to the county. "It is sometimes hard for the children to find transportation to Murray to attend the camp," explained Dr. King. "The grant paid to get extra equipment and pay the teachers to provide the students tuition to participate in the camp at no charge."

During the week long camp there were two camps taking place, one at Hickman County High School for fourth through fifth graders and another at the elementary school for first through third graders. Both camps had morning and afternoon sessions lasting three hours each.

"The fourth and fifth grade students used a Inex T mindstorms kit (not sure about spelling this), using autonomous robots," said Dr. King. "This means that the robots do not have to be hooked up to the computer in order for them to operate." They are only attached to the computer to receive their program information.

At the beginning of the week, the students start out with building regular base parts of a normal robot. "As the week goes on, the degrees of difficulty, like adding movement commands are included," she continued.

"They also add sensors like, touch, sounds, light reflection, and ultra sonic. The ultra sonic sensor acts like a bat, sending out a signal and receiving one back to tell the distance it is from something to generate a response," she further added.

The challenges, on the last day, Friday, June 15, were created to frustrate the students in order to help them understand what S.T.E.M. education is and how it works. "The activities are meant to show the students how they use math and science in everyday situations," said Dr. King.

At the elementary school, the first through third graders worked with Brandon Crowe. Crowe is a recent graduate of MSU, earning his degree in elementary education. Crowe assisted the students with a different type of kit. "Their robots were plugged into the computers," she said. "They built things for their age group, like planes, birds, and alligators that do thinks and make noises."

As Crowe assisted the students, they learned basic skills needed to create their robots. "They begin with special machines, adding pulleys, levers, and gearts," explained Crowe, "which in turn makes the motor move while the source is the computer supplying the commands they input."

Kits used for both age groups utilize the use of Legos to create the robots. After participating in this camp, which provided parents and grandparents an opportunity to visit with the students during Friday's sessions, the students are eligible to attend a one or two day camp at MSU.

Ashley Workman, Director of Flight 21st CCLC and Vickie Batts, KAPS Family Resource Director, assisted during the camp. "This was a new experience for the students, and they were proud of their accomplishments," stated Batts. "When they finished building their robots, they were excited to see them come to life."



COMMANDING THE ROBOT - Casey Archey, the son of Kim and Jason Archey, is a seventh grade student in Hickman County who participated in a robotics camp last week. He was putting commands into the robot to make it hit a golf ball. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)



INTERACTION - Brandon Crowe, a recent Murray State graduate and the lead instructor during a Robotics Camp for students at the elementary school, is shown assisting Cameron Sublett (on left) and Leighton Holt (on right) while the boys worked with legos and a computer to make their own robots. A total of 36 students participated in the camps at both the middle school and high school. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)

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the home. The first need is financial.

"We take the median income of the county," Cecil May, Chairperson of the selection committee for Habitat For Humanity of Fulton and Hickman Counties Ky. Inc. said, "Then we determine what 60% of that is. The partner family's income must be below that." The other need is based on current living conditions. If the family is living in a house that is unsafe for children or has mold, they are more likely to be selected as the partner family.

Another criterion is the families' ability to pay. While many people think partner families are recipients of free houses, they do have to maintain a mortgage on the house. The average Habitat house for this area costs about $35,000 - $40,000. This is at a huge discount because most of the materials are supplied at a discount, and the labor is donated. Whirlpool also donates a refrigerator and stove to each house. The partner families carry a mortgage for the cost of building the house. Habitat for Humanity holds the mortgage and there is no interest. According to May, the mortgage is about $300 per month, including taxes and homeowners insurance. The mortgage is for 20 years. The homes are normally appraised at $70,000 to $80,000, so that is what they have to pay taxes and insurance on, but they only pay a mortgage based on what the house costs to build it.

"The perfect scenario is a family that is working hard and already paying about $300 for rent somewhere with inadequate housing," May said.

The third criterion is willingness to partner. In addition to paying the mortgage, the partner family must put in 300 "sweat equity hours", meaning they must be on-site, taking part in construction of the house. The houses usually go up in 30 Saturdays, and they normally work for six or eight hours each Saturday. If the family has friends that are willing to help with their "sweat equity" hours, they can work up to 150 hours on behalf of the partner family.

Habitat For Humanity is taking applications now and will take them until July 18. Six weeks after that, a partner family will be chosen. When a family applies to become a partner family, they fill out a four-page personal finance form. After that, a credit check is performed as well as verification of employment, and a landlord check.

Once the family is selected, the house is built, and the family moves in, there are some security measures in place.

"We don't want families to abuse this blessing." May said when asked about the measures. It would be possible for a family to put the work in and owe less than $40,000 on a Habitat house, and then sell it for more than $70,000. To help avoid this from happening, Habitat For Humanity maintains partial ownership of the house for the first five years. Habitats share of ownership starts at 100% and goes down 20% every year until, after the fifth year, it is 0%. If the family were to sell the house after the second year, for example, 60% of the money would go back to Habitat For Humanity.

Habitat For Humanity of Fulton and Hickman Counties Ky. Inc. would like to encourage anyone interested to volunteer with them. They will begin construction in the Fall and everyone over the age of 16 is welcome on-site regardless of construction experience. Habitat for Humanity of Fulton and Hickman Counties Ky. Inc. is an entirely volunteer Habitat affiliate.

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MEMORIES FROM THE PAST - Here is another photo submitted by Columbus Mayor Richard Frizzell. Last week he submitted the photo that ran on page 4. We are still waiting to see if anyone will call us at 270-653-3381 or e-mail us at gazette3322@bellsouth.net naming some of these faces from Columbus School from long ago. (Photo submitted.)

Flowers From Pg. 1

strong new ones and don't cut old brown vines off until you're sure there are no new leaves on them. I'm always shocked at how new growth can abound on the old dead looking vines.

Day lilies are having another rough year, much like they did several years ago. They can become moldy at the base, which causes brown leaves and an ugly, unhealthy appearance. Pulling out the dead stalks and spraying doesn't always solve the problem. I cut the worst looking clusters back to three or four inches in June, and they come back strong and lush a few weeks later.

Roses do require a great deal of attention. I like mixing the older tea roses (prettier cut arrangements), climbers (a stunning sight over a larger area), with the newer knockout rose bushes (easier care). Regardless of your choice, you need to constantly cut the dead blooms off (even in the knockout bushes). By researching after the fact, I learned that yellow roses, in particular, are more susceptible to black spots.

My daughters have just given me orchids and canan bulbs. I just hope they don't die before I make my mistakes and gain the wisdom I need to help them flourish. If a problem develops, I know to call Katie Beck (a friend and master gardener). Books, magazines, and care labels don't give us the answers that experience seems to provide. That's why I hope readers will benefit from some of my hard earned "flower wisdom."

Spencer discusses the preservation of buildings with historical society members

Charlotte Smith

A brief business meeting of the Hickman County Historical Society took place on Thursday, June 14, led by LaDonna Latham. Some items discussed included the near completion of a book by LaDonna Latham, which includes many of the previous businesses in Hickman County, the need for more volunteers to keep the Historical Society open on Saturday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m., and the success of the economic development seminar recently held in the county. "The meeting went well, and we hope that the creation of the four committees and their work will in turn help the growth of the historical society," stated Latham.

Drawing in tourists, cleaning up the county, providing needed funds for education, and providing county residents with additional education were all ideas touched on during the economic seminar.

Fred Spencer of Hickman, Ky., originally from Tennessee, discussed the importance of maintaining the mansions, historical buildings and plantations throughout the region, including the businesses located in the business district of the downtown area of Clinton.

"Old bricks, over time, fail after years of having water, wind and the cold and hot temperatures affect them," stated Spencer. He used the building where the historical society is located and the building to the right of City Hall as examples of buildings affected by time.

Spencer first described how a building, from the 1800s and early 1900s was constructed and how it eventually comes apart. He recommended adding linseed oil to the brick, which helps to seal and protect the buildings that have over 30,000 pounds of weight of pressure on one wall alone and well over 15 tons bearing down on the building.

He also added that vibrations from the semi-trucks that drive by, also play a factor in the slow deterioration of the buildings, as does gravity. "Anything man made is eventually torn down by Mother Nature," noted Spencer.

"There is a need to redevelop these buildings," he said. "Bring back the glory days by properly maintaining them. When you hit upon a nerve of the property owner that the cost to rehab the billing is less than replacing the building, you make an impression."

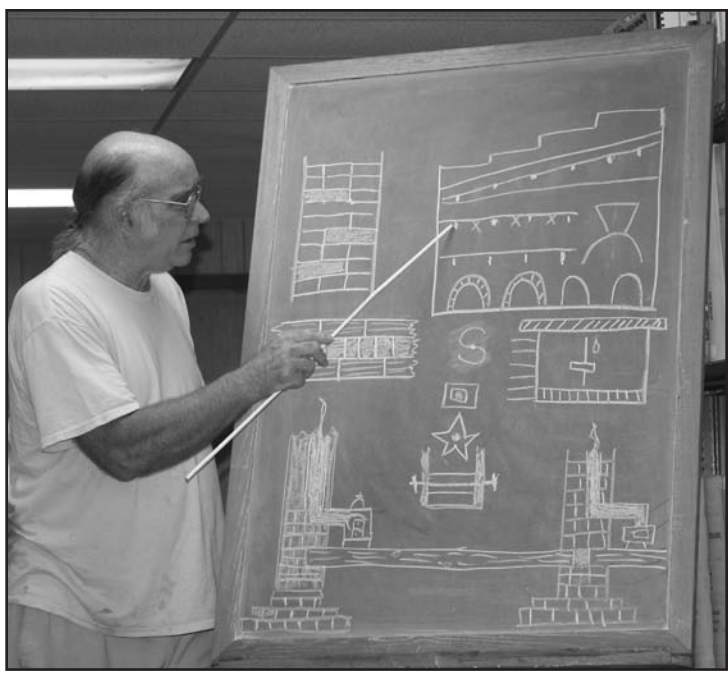
There have been other citie such as Franklin and Bolivar, Tenn., who did a lot to rejuvenate their towns by repairing buildings in their towns. Spencer said their success came from not only educating their residents, but by also entertaining them at the same time.

Spencer discussed more techniques to making some repairs to the buildings in Clinton, which could slow down the process of the deterioration of the buildings. His suggestions included applying linseed oil, turpentine, primer, applying new mortar, and caulking.

Looking into possible main street grants was discussed to help revitalize the business district full of rich heritage and history.

Plans were also discussed to hold the August meeting of the Historical Society in the home of Thomas Van Slambrouck, previously owned by Virginia Jewell. Slambrouck has spent countless hours refurbishing the home to its original beauty.

Slambrouck asked for assistance from the city to help repair the sidewalks in front of the home, which is currently for sale, and could be utilized as a bed and breakfast or an art studio. Being built some time right after or even before the Civil War, the Slambrock home is a vital part of Hickman County's history.



PRESERVING BUILDINGS - Fred Spencer of Hickman, Ky., discuses the makeup of brick buildings with Hickman County Historical Society members last week. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)

First Community Bank announces new LaCenter Banking Center

Bruce Kimbell, President of First Community Bank (FCB) announced today that the bank has recently entered into an agreement to purchase property on W. KY Drive in LaCenter for the purpose of constructing a new banking facility. Subject to final regulatory approval and closing on the property, the bank plans on starting construction later this year with a planned opening in 2013.

Kimbell stated that this expansion of locations provides the means for FCB to bring its style of hometown banking to not only LaCenter, but to all of the surrounding Ballard County communities as well. "High quality, common sense banking from a locally owned institution is what the people of Ballard County expect and we feel confident in our ability to deliver" "We are extremely excited about this new location and look forward to serving the people of this wonderful community", Kimbell said.

Ballard County native, Kreg Denton a Sr. Vice President of First Community and employee since 2002 will manage the new location. "Kreg's knowledge of the area coupled with his past banking and lending experiences made Ballard County a natural choice for our newest location." All of us at First Community are excited about the potential of bringing a hometown banker back to town," remarked Kimbell.

First Community Bank is an independent community bank with its main office located in Clinton Kentucky and a Graves County banking facility in Fancy Farm. The bank reported total assets of $78 million as of March 31, 2012.

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Job Fair to be held in Fulton June 19

The Fulton County-Hickman County Economic Development Partnership and the West Kentucky Workforce Investment Board is co-sponsoring a job fair at the Pontotoc Community Center, tomorrow June 19 beginning at 10 a.m. Since the time Ferry-Morse Seed Company, Inc dismissed its workforce in May, the economic development corporation has received a number of phone calls from companies with open positions. To best serve these employers and all those currently unemployed in the Fulton County-Hickman County area, this event has been organized.

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Clinton Hills Apartments now has available 1 bedroom units. Must be elderly, handicapped, or disabled. Rent based on income. Mon. & Thurs. 9:00-12:00. Call (270) 653-6218 TDD#711.

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CATHY KELLETT
HICKMAN COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

NOTICE is hereby given that Quinton Byassee has duly qualified as Adminstrator of the estate of Mary Jane Byassee, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate shall pay all indebtedness promptly, and all persons having claims against said estate shall present same, properly certified according to law, within six (6) months of this notice to: Hon. Mary B. Potter, 113 North Washington St., Clinton KY 42031.

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FINAL SETTLEMENT OF STELLA MATHIS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE JAMES NEIL MATHIS, SR. ESTATE HAS BEEN FILED IN THE HICKMAN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT FOR FINAL HEARING ON MONDAY, JULY 16, 2012. IF NO EXCEPTIONS ARE FILED THE AFORESAID WILL BE CONFIRMED AND RECORDED.

ON THIS DATE
6-11-12
CATHY KELLETT
HICKMAN CO. CIRCUIT
COURT CLERK

Pursuant to KRS 395.470 the Administration of the Estate of Billie Morris Holland, deceased, was dispensed with by Order of the Hickman district Court on June 11, 2012. All persons having claims owing to said estate shall pay them promptly and all persons having claims against said estate shall submit them promptly to: Mary S. Holland, 213 N. Jefferson St. , Clinton KY 42031.

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District Court
Not an official court docket

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Hunter B. Whitesell II during Hickman County District Court on 6/18/2012. This is not an official docket.

Melissa D. Bone. Speeding 12 Mph. Over Limit. Failure to Wear Seat Belts. FTA.

Brittany Gray. Other Hearing. Cause shown.

Joshua Link Hicks. Show Cause Hearing. Continued one week.

James L. Johnson. Pretrial Conference. Continued to 7/30/12.

James R. Kerr. Terroristic Threatening- 3rd Degree. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial conference set for 7/2/12.

Jonathan B. Oliver. Speed 12 Mph. Over. Pleaded guilty. Susp. Fine.

Jessica L. Patrick. Diversion completion. Dismiss.

Elliott R. Taylor. Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence Minor Injury. Sentenced to 90 days, serve 3. Balance conditionally discharged two years. To have no further offenses, no contact with complaining witness until further order of the court.

Tony L. Owens. Pretrial Conference. Op MV Under influence of Alcohol/Drugs, etc. .08 1st off. Pleaded guilty. Sentenced to 30 days, conditionally discharged two years. $200 fine. Take drug/alcohol assessment and file proof w/in 10 days. License suspended for 90 days. Eligible for hardship after 30 days.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of a Notification for Change in Bank Control

Lynne Deweese and V.J. Hales as co-trustees of The Hales Survivor's Trust, individually and as a member of a family control group which includes the following members; Randy Deweese, Lynne Deweese, V.J. Hales, Jason Schwartz, Kimberly Schwartz, Andrea Williford, Michael Williford and Dallas Williford intend to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to acquire control of First Trust Financial Corporation, Clinton, KY. First Trust Financial Corporation controls First Community Bank of Western Kentucky, Inc., Clinton KY. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the notice.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this notice to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, P.O. Box 442, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-0442. The comment period will not end before July 13, 2012 and may be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing notifications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested notifications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the notification, contact Glenda J. Wilson, Community Affairs Officer, 314-444-8317. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the notification if they are received in writing by this Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

Kentuckians may fill college aid gap with state-based loan from KHESLC

Louisville, Ky. (June 12, 2012) — Kentucky students who need help paying for college may want to consider a Kentucky Advantage Education Loan from the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC).

The low-cost loan is intended to fill the gap between other financial aid a student receives and the total cost of education. Students should apply for all free aid, such as grants and scholarships, before applying for Federal Stafford Loans. Federal Stafford Loans do not have to be repaid until the student is out of college.

Students who still need financial assistance may then apply for the Kentucky Advantage Education Loan.

To qualify, a borrower must:

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· Be 18 by the date of application.

· Be a U.S. citizen or a non-citizen with a proof of residency card.

· Have an acceptable credit history or an approved cosigner.

The loan is only available to students attending Kentucky colleges and universities and Kentucky residents attending colleges and universities outside the state.

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Applications may be submitted online at kheslc.com. For more information, call 888-678-4625.

KHESLC is a public, nonprofit corporation that provides education loans for students and parents. It was established by the Kentucky General Assembly in 1978.



FIVE GENERATIONS - Pictured together are five generations including great-great-grandmother Maxine Eskew; great-grandmother Mary Ann Elliott (back center); grandmother Debbie Allcock (back left); mother Courtney Ferguson (back right) and Caleb Ferguson. Caleb's parents are Eric and Courtney Ferguson. (Photo submitted.)

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Community News

Area Obituaries

Ralph Allen

Ralph Allen, 78, of Water Valley, Ky. died at 11:11 p.m. Monday, June 11, 2012 at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah.

He was a member of Mt. Zion Old Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where he had served as an elder for more than 20 years. He retired from the former Henry I. Siegel clothing company, where he worked as a machinist.

Surviving are his wife, Martha Stephens Allen; four sons, Eddie Allen and Mack Allen, both of Water Valley, Neilly Allen of South Fulton, Tenn., and Otis Allen of California; one brother, Jessie Allen of Fulton; one half-brother, Larry Dew of Fulton; one half-sister, Joyce Johnson of Greensboro, Ala.; one stepbrother, Marvin Dew of Willis, Mich.; nine grandchildre and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters and six stepbrothers. His parents were Jessie E. Allen and Lilly Mae Jones Allen Dew.

Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 14 at Hornbeak Funeral Chapel with burial in Wesley Cemetery.

Marshall Larkins



Herbert Marshall Larkins, 82, of Clinton, Ky. died at 12:04 a.m. Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at Parkway Regional Hospital in Fulton.

He was a member of Clinton First Baptist Church, a retired farmer and owner of West Kentucky Enterprises in Mayfield. He was an U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict and dedicated 18 years of his life to the Hickman Counrty Jail ministry.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Doris Faye Jones Larkins; one son, Tim (Lisa) Larkins of Mayfield; one daughter, Robin Johnson of Clinton; one brother, Bruce Larkins of Grand Rivers, Ky.; one sister, Georgia Ferrell of Sikeston, Mo.; three grandsons, Dustan Larkins of Mayfield, Trent (Krystal) Johnson of Mayfield and Brett Johnson of Clinton; and one great grandson, Lukas Johnson of Mayfield.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters. His parents were R.R. and Annie Bennett Larkins.

Services were at 1 p.m. Friday, June 15 at Brown Funeral Home in Clinton. Revs. Doug Jones, Greg Hussey and Richie Spann officiated, with burial in

Brenda Elam

Brenda D. Elam, 55, of Fulton, Ky. died Sunday, June 10, 2012 at Parkway Regional Hospital in Fulton.

She worked for the former H.I.S. Clothing Company and was an employee of Walmart. She worked at the Union City and Fulton stores.

Surviving are her husband, Robert H. Elam; one daughter, Tracy Collier of Fulton; one sister, Carolyn King of Moscow; and one granddaughter, Courtney Collier of Fulton.

She was preceded in death by one brother. Her parents were Joy Marie Hutchinson and Floyd Edward Forsythe.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 13 at Pleasant View Memorial Gardens in Fulton.

Charlene Howell

Charlene R. Howell, 87, of Clinton, Ky. died at 12:42 p.m. Thursday, June 14, 2012 at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah.

She was of the Methodist faith and had been a homemaker.

Surviving are two sisters, Joan Coleman of Fulgham, Ky. and Sue Pennell of South Fulton, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Howell; four sisters and three brothers. Her parents were Bera Stroud and Claudie Jefferson Pillow.

Graveside services were at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 16 at Rock Springs Cemetery with Rev. Bobby Barnett officiating.

Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Fulton was in charge or arrangements.

Pentecostal Tabernacle to host a Community Family and Friends' Day

Pentecostal Tabernacle in Water Valley will be hosting Community Family and Friends' Day, July 1, from 1-10 p.m. There will be free food and games all day and singing and preaching in the afternoon. There will be an opportunity to win $100 by entering the "God's Got Talent" contest. To participate you must sign-up by 3 p.m. at the church on the day of the event, July 1. For more information about the contest, contact Sister Janet Robinson at 731-223-0502. You may contact Pastor Larry McClure at 270-472-3801 or Asst. Pastor Markus McClure at 270-970-7256 for information on the day of events.

Jam Session will be Monday, June 25 at 7 p.m.

The Hickman County Arts Council monthly Jam Session will be held Monday, June 25 at 7 p.m. at the Young Center in Clinton. Anyone in this area who plays an acoustic instrument, sings, writes music, or just enjoys listening to live music is invited to attend this gathering. This group includes musicians of all ages sharing different types of music, both covers and original songs, ranging from show tunes to country, folk, pop, blues and rock. The core group of musicians who attend this monthly get together would like to invite new members to come and share their musical interests and talents.



Retired teachers to meet June 22

The Hickman County Retired Teachers Association will meet Friday, June 22 at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held at Ruby Faye's Restaurant in Clinton.

Conservation Board will meet June 21

The Hickman County Conservation District, Board of Supervisors, will meet Thursday morning, June 21, 2012 at 7:30 A.M. in the Conference Room of the USDA Service Center, 205 State Route 123 West, Clinton.

The public is invited to attend.

Barclays to hold family reunion

The Barclay family reunion will be Sunday, June 24 at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church activity building. Meal will be at 1 p.m.

Gospel Explosion June 24 at 2:30 p.m

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The Wilderness Voice
By Pastor Tom Hoskins

As I write this I have just returned home from the hospital where my cardiologist augered and stinted my right coronary artery due to the failure of a graft done on that artery eleven years back. He said, "You are not a hundred percent but I believe I have greatly helped you." As such as they would like, and we also, doctors can seldom make us "like new."

God told his people long ago, his people who had sinned, "I will cleanse you. A new heart will I also give you, and a new spirit will I put in you." (Ezekiel 36:25, 26) The heart here, as elsewhere in the Bible, speaks of the inner man, the spirit man. When one comes in faith to Christ he isn't repaired, reconditioned or reformed, but is made "A new creation, all things become new" (2 Cor. 5:17).

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Chatter From Pg. 1

remember how Clinton always took my breath away, driving in from the North end or coming down the hill from the South end. There was never a season that it wasn't beautiful, full of trees and a constant flurry of activity. When I started substitute teaching, it was obvious that Hickman County had such a jewel of a school system, a cut above what I was seeing in the surrounding areas. It's still wonderful. I knew I wanted any offspring of mine to be educated here, a choice I've never regretted. Christmas was always pretty with the twinkling lights in the windows of the Lemon Tree, and then August Victoria and the decorations hung from the light poles. It was such a fun, almost magical, place to raise a little girl. We enjoyed parades, the fair, an active church youth group at Clinton First Methodist, and such a feeling of community. Small-town just doesn't get much better than Clinton. After a 7 year stint in which I returned to work at the bank in my hometown of Arlington while Lauren was little, I felt homesick for Clinton during the day, and often wondered if we had an earthquake, how long it would take me to get through the bottoms and creeks along highway 51 on foot to make sure my child was OK. When the opportunity to teach at the middle school full-time came around, I thought it would be good to be "home," back in my community during the day, so I tried it. Honestly, I liken teaching to being imprisoned with antsy & sometimes angry inmates. The classroom sometimes felt like a jail to me, too, because I was locked away from what was going on "out there," outside the window. Even the thought of going to the restroom, just feet away, was sometimes out of the question until 3:00, when I was so used to having an hour off for lunch and running errands and having a little me time during the work day, and adult conversation. Needless to say, teaching wasn't for me. There were many students that I loved, and I had a love for my subject area and a love for the school system itself, but I remember being in the classroom one day and seeing a picture in the Gazette of the Senior Citizens Center having written a grant and receiving a new van. I thought, "I wonder how you get a job like that?" It wasn't to be long before I found out. What an amazing heartfelt wish. Frances Turner, my neighbor, insisted that I apply, and I have never been sorry. Not one day. I have totally loved serving the population and the county in this way. The thing about Senior Citizens: They were raised "old school" when manners were important, the way I'd been raised. The worst thing we could have done, growing up, is be disrespectful to an adult or act ugly towards anybody. My daddy would have tanned my hide, and my mother would have squinted her eyes and pointed her finger right in my face as she gave me a scolding, if I had ever acted toward any adult the way some kids do now. So I was in heaven at the Senior Center. I got to write, which I love. I got to use my grocery store knowledge to gather and order supplies, my math skills to help keep us on track, and I finally got to be in Clinton during the day, out in the community, becoming one with it and getting to feel its heartbeat, once again, the way I had at the grocery store when I was young, to enjoy the friendliness and the beauty of it. I have loved every moment of the 7 years I've served as Director at Hickman Co. Senior Citizens. I've had a wonderful Board Chair, Philip McClure, whom I've learned so much from about governing and about giving back, and unbelievably unselfish volunteers without whom our mission to help our aging remain at home and out of the nursing homes, would not be possible. We've successfully implemented a nutrition program in which we prepare and package our own meals for delivery, and running an Adult Day Program has been such a blessing. We like to get the ladies (and gent) on that bus and help them stay independent for as long as possible. The adult conversation with interesting people telling interesting stories has been enlightening. It's been fun traveling the roads of this county, delivering meals and making home-visits. My best friend for the past seven years has been a sassy, now 75 year-old, smart and classy woman in the office next to mine; this was another gift I wasn't expecting to come wrapped in the Senior Center package. Personally, this community has wrapped its arms around me and comforted me on several occasions in my life, making me always glad and thankful that I settled here. This article marks my 313th. The time has flown. My now 21 year-old native Clinton child is growing restless and I'm feeling the call of new challenges as well. We plan to spread our wings as a team for this first flight. I'll be finishing up my duties here at HCSC on June 29th, traveling to Virginia for some classwork I'm undertaking, and then July 9th, will assume duties as Director of the Mayfield-Graves County Senior Center. I'm very excited for the challenges that await. We plan to relocate somewhere between Mayfield and Paducah within the next year, so Lauren won't be so far from where she's found her own place in the sun. I will be forever indebted to this place that has been home for the last 22 years, and a great love for 27. There are so many faces and families that I love here. My heart will never be far from this place called home, and where I've loved my work, which is why 25 miles is about as far away as I can fathom.

Recycling Saturday, June 30 First United Methodist Church

ATTENTION

We are looking for people to write about Clinton in the 50s, and 60s. Your remembrances about Strand Theater, Piper's Drive-in, Brummal café, The Sandwich Shop, Skating rink, etc. Please call 653-3381 or e-mail gazette3322@bellsouth.net.

Second Baptist News
By Cynthia Walton

We had a busy Father's Day at Second but very good. In the morning service the young people presented a short program for the Dads and then presented each one with a gift. The morning message was brought by Bro. Don Bedles from Beulah Baptist Church.

In the evening service we had two young men baptized by Bro. Daniel Fraser with authority given by the church. Bro. Daniel preached a fired up message after a presentation of photos from the recent mission trip shared by Second and Victory Baptist Church in Wickliffe where Bro. Daniel is pastor. Chase Adams and Hunter Cox were baptized. They both went on the trip. Hunter wrote a song while on the trip. He got a standing ovation for his song. After the service we had fellowship with sandwiches, chips and desserts.

Happy birthday this week to Jimmy Cox and many more.

In our prayer list were the families of Marshall Larkins, Charlene Howell, Brenda Elam and the Hammonds man who drown. Also on our prayer list were Austin Upshaw, Twila Hodges, Lacie Melton Cross, William Moore, Helen Holmes, Josh Harpole, Bo Kirby, Harold Jackson, Josephine Shadwick, Mildred Morrison, JT Melton, Derr/Foster families, Jackie Ballard, Wilma King, Ruth Jewell, George and Karen Roberts, Teen Garrison, Karen Anderson, Janie Martin, Shelby Johnson, Suzette Rives, Phyllis Bone, Wayne Berry and Madison Ward.

Don't forget our VBS July 9-13 from 6-8:30 p.m. for ages four and up. There will be a pickup point in town for those needing a ride. We will give you more information next week.

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Four men from the community serve our country in the reserves

Charlotte Smith

Four men who live and work within the community of Hickman County are not only serving the residents of this county, they also serve their country in the Tennessee National Guard, Marine Reserves, Kentucky National Guard, and US Army Reserves. Snapper Seaton, Clinton Police chief, was deployed overseas last August, serving in either Kuwait or Afghanistan with the National Guard. Allen Poole, hired as police chief to fill the position in Seaton's absence during his employment, is also in the National Guard as a fire fighter. Jason Batts, an attorney from Hickman County, will be leaving on July 8 to serve in the US Army Reserves. Daniel Richardson, employed with the Hickman County Gazette, is currently serving in the Marine Reserves and left for two weeks of training on Friday, June 15.

Snapper Seaton

Seaton, who has been a member of the National Guard in Tennessee for 13 years with the 913th engineering company unit, is an engineer. "We do horizontal construction and various other tasks while deployed," he said via Facebook last week. "Tasks such as convoy security, which consists of eliminating all threats that might interfere with the delivery of the assets in the convoy, as escorts." His unit also does FOB (Forward Out Post) security. The engineer field, in the military, is used for many things.

This is Seaton's second deployment, leaving in August of 2011. He was deployed in 2005-2006, spending time in Iraq and currently in Afghanistan. "My wife Holly and I have discussed whether or not to stay in the army after this deployment," he said. "Two deploys have made speed bumps throughout our marriage, but over all, I think that it has made us stronger so I think I've got seven more years in me. As soon as I reach 20 years, I am out!"

Seaton has been with the local police force for 12 years. Snapper's wife Holly and two children, a daughter Kaylee and son Landon, are eagerly awaiting his return in August 2012.



Snapper Seaton

Allen Poole

Following in the footsteps of both his father and grandfather, Poole wanted to become a fire fighter. "I decided to join the Kentucky National Guard (KNG) to become a fire fighter because they offered me the chance to join the Department of Defense Fire Academy," he said. "It is the best place to train. We follow the manual at Oklahoma State. Fire fighters consider this the Bible."

Poole has been with the KNG for three years, first training in San Angelo, Texas at the Good Fellow Air Force Base for 14 weeks. "That is where everyone goes," he said. "We train with civilians, employees of the department defense, marines, sailors, and airmen."

Graduating distinguished in his class, Poole has been trained in airfield crash and rescue. "We are also trained in every area of fire fighting, including wildfires, structural, hazmat and vehicles."

Poole trains, in Greenville, Ky., one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer and is one of only 27 currently trained as fire fighters with the KNG. He used his training while working as a fire fighter for the Fulton Fire Department. Currently not with a fire department due to his duties as police chief, Poole is on the rosters at Fulton, Cayce and Water Valley fire departments.

Poole has also served in the US Army Reserves as an Armor Crewman, driving a tank. He wasn't deployed during his four years in the Army Reserves, but realizes he could be called upon to serve at any time, whether it is overseas or elsewhere in the United States when fire fighters are needed.

"Nobody knows we are here," he said, "It is the best skill to have and we live by the motto "Train as if someone's life depends on it. IT DOES."

Jason Batts

With no prior military training, Batts applied in April 2011 to become a JAG (Judge Advocate General) officer with the US Army Reserves. "I received word in October of last year that I was accepted," he said. "At first I was scheduled to do my four and a half months of training later this year in October. It was recently moved up to July 8."

As an Assistant County Attorney in Fulton County under Rick Major, Batts has been busy completing his caseload and taking care of any pending issues in preparation to service his country. "Basic training involves two weeks of training in Fort Lee, Va., and then two months at the University of Virginia Law School. I will complete my training, performing two more months of training at Fort Benning, Ga.," he explained.

Batts' interest to serve his country was sparked back when he was in college as an under grad. "I have always had a great respect for the military,"he said, "I even discussed the possibility of serving when rooming with my college roommate, who later did join." His interest in history and learning about those that served this great country in the past was also another factor in Batts making the important decision to join the Army Reserves.



Jason Batts

"When I worked on Capitol Hill for two and a half years beginning in 2005, I would field a lot of calls from people upset with the Iraqi war," Batts noted. "They wanted to know why I wasn't over there fighting, and I wasn't able to give them an answer. That continued to fuel my desire to service in some type of capacity.

While putting his own law career on hold, Batts will be assigned to a military police unit out of Nashville after he completes his training. "I will be the Prosecutor for a brigade of soldiers," he said. "Some JAG officers also provide free legal services for soldiers." This is something he has been doing right here in his own community.

Batts has committed to serve in the US Army Reserves for eight years, which requires him to attend continued training one weekend a month and two weeks a year. There is a possibility that he can get deployed, being involved with the military police.

His decision to serve his country in this capacity was not financially motivated. "We do not receive the $60,000 for college that active soldiers get," he said. "I wanted to do it for my country. I know my part is small, but it is something I have always felt a desire to do and I am glad that they accepted my application."

Batts has veen married to Tonia Batts, an optometrist in Mayfield for six years, living here in Hickman County. Once he completes his training, he does plan on opening his own law office in Clinton. It will be a general law practice including agricultural law, estate planning and real estate.

To anyone thinking about serving their country in the armed services, Batts has this advice, "Think about it really long and hard. It is a huge commitment, and can be very rewarding. It was a big decision and a personal one for me to make, and I am happy to do my part."

Daniel Richardson

Richardson, married to Lena Richardson, enlisted in the Marines and left for recruit training on June 2, 2008. "I was always fascinated by the Marine Corps, as they are traditionally viewed as the best at what they do," he said. "I've had several family members that were Marines, including my oldest brother, two uncles, and some cousins."

This year Richardson will be traveling to Quantico, Va., during his two-week training period. "Last year we went to Antigua, spending a month training with service members of 12 Caribbean countries. He also spends one weekend (most of the time its Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) training each month, as well.

Currently serving as a Corporal and team leader with four Marines in his team, Richardson drills on weekends and reports to the Volunteer Training Site in Smyrna, Tenn., and usually either busses to Fort Campbell in Kentucky or Tullahoma in east Tennessee. "We do combined arms training, since we are an infantry unit," he said. "A couple of times a year, we stay in Smyrna and take care of administrative work."

Richardson spent four and a half moths in Iraq from October 2009 to February 2010, spending six months in California, training before leaving for deployment. "When I first enlisted, I went to boot camp for three months where I had no outside contact except for letters. No TV, Internet, newspapers, or telephones," Richardson said. "Then I came home for 10 days and left for the School of Infantry in N.C. where I spent two months."

"Serving in the reserves has a lot of benefits and some drawbacks," he added. "You can get help with tuition, and save up some money during the training." Going to school full-time without having to wait until you get out like activity duty service members is another added benefit.

"The draw back is that you have to live two lives. It seems that just when you finally get things going good back home, you have to leave and go be a Marine and a soldier again for a few weeks," he said. "This lifestyle is hard to adjust to when you are working full-time and are married or have kids. It's a lot easier when you're just a single man going to college."

There is a pride factor as well, for Richardson. "There is a lot of pride involved with serving your country, and veterans are looked at differently than others, and for good reason."

"The only advice I would give someone that was thinking about enlisting is this: Study all your options and think about what is best for you, the people you love, and your situation. Make a decision and put your heart and soul into it: no looking back," concluded Richardson.



Daniel Richardson



TRAINING IN ACTION - Allen Poole is pictured with some of his fellow fire fighters in the Kentucky National Guard, putting out an airplane fire. (Photo submitted.)

ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON, KENTUCKY

ORDINANCE NO. 6-01-2012

An ordinance establishing the City of Clinton, Kentucky Operating Budget of Income and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012/June 30, 2013. Be it ordained as follows:

SECTION 1- REVENUE		
Property tax	60000	
Payroll tax	75000	
Motor Vehicle/Advalorem tax	12000	
Franchise tax	75000	
Business License	14000	
Grants	20000	
Municipal Road Aid	33000	
Gas Revenue	140000	
Interest	2500	
Other Revenue	27030	
Balance Brought Forward	10000	
TOTAL REVENUE		**468530**
SECTION II- EXPENSE, PERSONNEL		
Mayor and Council	26000	
Administrative	77000	
Police	135000	
Maintenance	21000	
Outside Services	4000	
Social Security/Medicare (City Share)	18000	
Employee Insurance	21000	
Employee Savings (City Share)	2000	
Miscellaneous Personnel Expense	4000	
TOTAL EXPENSES, PERSONNEL		**306200**
SECTION III-EXPENSE, SUPPLIES & MAINTENANCE		
City Hall	5000	
Police	1500	
Fuel	14000	
Equipment Repair	6000	
Equipment	8000	
Miscellaneour Supplies & Maintenance	1500	
TOTAL EXPENSE, SUPPLIES & MAINTENANCE		**36000**
SECTION IV-EXPENSES ESSENTIAL SERVICES		
Dispatching	14000	
Utilities	40000	
City Insurance	25000	
Legal & Audit	12000	
PVA Fee	1600	
Codification	500	
Streets	26750	
Drug Task Force	1250	
TOTAL EXPENSE, ESSENTIAL SERVICES		**121100**
SECTION IV-SOCIAL SERVICES		
Purchase Area Development District	540	
Kentucky League of Cities	440	
Library	1250	
Community Service Club	2500	
Chamber Scholarship Fund	500	
Total Expense, Social Services	5230	
TOTAL EXPENSE		**468530**

Be it further ordained that the Clinton City Council adopted Ordinance No. 6-01-2012 on its first reading at the regular meeting on June 4, 2012.

Donna Bryan — Donna Bryan City Clerk Treasurer

Tommy Kimbro — Tommy Kimbro, Mayor

Be it further that the Clinton City Council passed Ordinance No. 6-01-2012 on its second reading at a called meeting June 16, 2012 and upon publication, as such, it shall become law.

Donna Bryan — Donna Bryan City Clerk Treasurer

Tommy Kimbro — Tommy Kimbro, Mayor

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committee meetings to advise and counsel upon request, specifically recommending such actions as may be necessary or expedient for the welfare of the city.

The CA will also be asked to collaborate with the mayor in the preparation and submission of an annual budget proposal to the City Council, after corroborating with and directing all city departments in formulating their respective proposed budgets and administer said budget upon its adoption, including oversight of expenditure of allocated funds within each department.

This individual will also be asked to advise the City Council and mayor on the appointment of city employees and create and maintain liaisons with other local governments and represent the city on all city, regional, and state boards, commissions and committees as directed and approved by the mayor.

The CA will also supervise and develop the following:

- Police Department and the conduct of the officers, including the chief of police, who shall report directly to the City Administrator;
- Street Department and the conduct of the employees and request and review reports as deemed necessary;
- City department or city employees upon the direction of the mayor;
- Street and capital improvement projects;
- Procedures to ensure the orderly administration of the functions of the City, subject to submission of same to the Mayor and with his/her written approval.

Identifying and making application for and administering grant funding on behalf of the City will also be the responsibility of the CA.

Also approved during the Saturday morning meeting was the 2012/2013 operating budget for the City. Council members Jerome Jenkins, Jeff Morrow, Phyllis Campbell, Ivan Potter and Howard Dillard discussed the budget, first proposed during the June 4 meeting, in detail for approximately 45 minutes.

Several questions were raised during the discussion including:

- Why $3,600 was no longer being allocated to the fire district. Mayor Kimbro explained that the city needed the funds more than the fire district. "This is no reflection on the fire department," he said. "We are just looking at our overall budget."
- Councilman Dillard asked what was the percentage for increasing employees' wages. "It is a cost of living increase," stated Mayor Kimbro. "The increased is based on what our payroll expenses have been or the last year."
- Councilman Potter discussed property tax and payroll taxes, asking what the current rates were. Mayor Kimbro explained that property taxes were decreasing every time a business or building is lost in the city. Another factor decreasing the property tax revenue as more and more seniors turn 65 and are eligible for the Homestead Exemption. He also anticipated an increase in payroll taxes with the reopening of Arbor Place. Councilman Potter asked that the council look at ways to bring in 10 new businesses.

Other factors regarding the budget touched on included the City paying for dispatching services, utility expenses, the future of the Pennyrile Drug Task Force, and increasing the Chamber Scholarship Fund donation.

Mayor Kimbro agreed that these items could be depressed during the next fiscal year, and not before this budget was approved.

The special called meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m. The Council is slated to reconvene in regular session on Monday, July 2 at 6 p.m.



LEARNING THE CRAFT OF SEWING - These six girls have been working since May 25 with Extension Master Clothing Volunteers in the 4-H Youth Beginning Sewing Class to learn the basics of sewing. The girls began their first class by learning the parts of the sewing machine and sewing lines on paper before moving on to learning techniques such as backstitching, pivots, and finishing seams. They have pretty much learned all of the steps in Unit 1 of 4-H sewing. They also made draw string bags in the first class. By learning these skills, they were able to complete a skirt and a zipper pouch bag. Pictured are (l to r) Peyton Williams, Caroline Webb, Ally Samuel, Jadyn Williams, Charity Shelton and McKenzie Dyer. (Photo submitted.)

4UQ From Pg. 1

has enough seed money, plans to proceed with the golf tournament will continue. When teams of four sign up for the tournament, their $100 entry fee is donated directly to St. Jude's. "None of that money is used to offset the tournament," added Berry.

The 4UQ team has grown since its inception last year. "We now have 19 members signed up to run," Berry stated. Those committed to running in the Memphis Marathon December 1st (just 164 days away) are Jimbo Berry, Lesley Anderson, Holly Berry, Jeana Berry, Stephanie Carter, Brenna Coffey, Celeste Daugherty, Margaret Hall, Amy Harper-Hogancamp, Betsy Hopwood, Ken Jewell, Lynn Jones, Allan Paul, Chad Pruitt, Glenn Reid, Amanda Spillman, Brianne Williams, and Andrea Williford.

Leigh Ann Russell is also signed up to run in the marathon. Russell and her family have been deeply touched by the active role the 4UQ team and Hickman County have taken in preserving the memory of Quincy. "This team is helping keep the memory of Quincy alive," she said. "I know how much it would mean to Quincy, knowing the community is thinking of him, supporting his family and helping raise money for St. Jude.Anyone interested in donating can do so directly to these marathon runners in the name of St. Jude by visiting the website www.fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Heroes/Heroes?fr_id=3631&pg=pfind, clicking on team and entering 4UQ. The team name will appear and after clicking on it, you will see the list of team members who are running in the marathon; you can then donate to St. Jude in the name of a specific runner. Funds raised by the 4UQ team as St. Jude's Heroes support St. Jude's lifesaving mission of finding cures and saving children.

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4UQ will be meeting at Ruby Faye's tonight, June 19 at 5 p.m. to discuss upcoming fundraising events like a steak dinner, a corn hole tournament on August 25 duirng Hot August Nights, and a Poker Run. Another fundraiser will offer anyone who makes a donation, or purchases a ticket, from a 4UQ member the chance to win $750 in cash and also a Kindle Fire.

Additional 4UQ team members, not running in the marathon, include Tammie, Todd and Taylor Sanderson, Troy Carter, Lori and George Bell, Cathy Kellet, Kady and Wade Adams, Anita and Ronnie Mullins, Dawn Mathis, Stephanie Rudd, Cinda Yates, Neal Henley, Joyce Turner and Brad Tucker.

New t-shirts, designed again by Jeff Boaz, will be for sale around fair week and will be available in early October, just in time for the Halloween parade, one of Quincy's favorite days. You can also visit or 'like' team 4UQ on Facebook to receive up to the minute announcements.

"With the community's help, we can make Hickman County's participation in the Memphis Marathon each December bigger and better," stated Berry. "You can also help us reach our new fundraising goal each year as we grow."

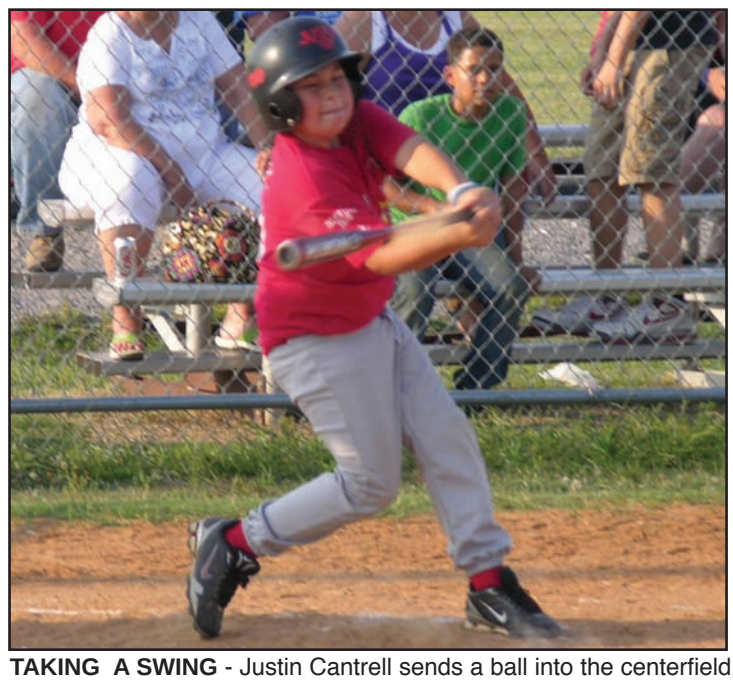
If you are interested in contributing "seed money" for the pending golf tournament, please send your contribution to 4UQ in care of First Community Bank, P.O. Box 138, Clinton, KY 42031 or Clinton Bank, P.O. Box 298, Clinton, KY 42031.



YARD OF THE WEEK - The Yard of the Week has been brought back to Hickman County by the Clean Committee. This week's recognized yard goes to Aimee Requena on W. Clay Street, a big yard in a small space, with a variety of plantings and a lovely weeping willow setting off the whole front yard. (Photo by Sheri Roberts.)



THROWING A STRIKE - Kortnee Woolard gets ready to deliver a strike lsst week when Voodoo faced the fighting Bees of Bardwell.



TAKING A SWING - Justin Cantrell sends a ball into the centerfield and makes it to second base. (Photos by Jessica Cooley.)

Rain showers bring early end to couples golf tournament

Sheri Roberts

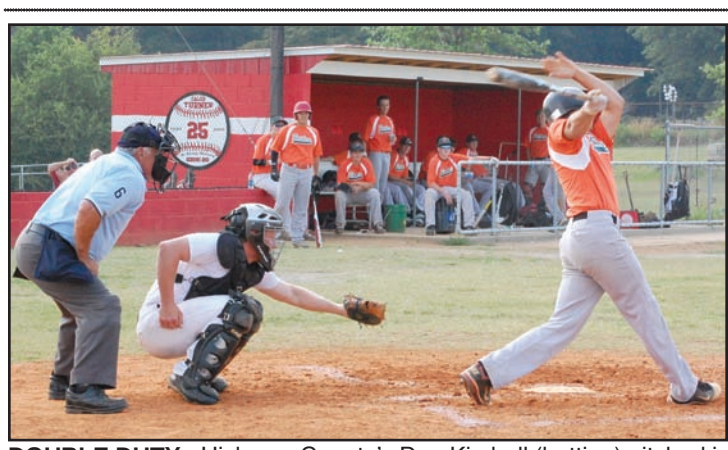
The rains came Sunday afternoon, but that didn't seem to bother the couples participating in Oakhill Country Club's Couples Tournament. In fact, everyone knew how much it was needed and only hoped it was raining at their house. Bobby Gifford, president of the club, stated, "Our course is in fantastic shape, and many of the couples playing this weekend said our hospitality and the shape of the course are the best in this region." The following couples were winners in their flights: Championship - Woody and Faye Brundige and Jerry and Rosetta Johnson tied for first, Bobby and Kathy Gifford and David and Linda Brann tied for third; First Flight - Mike and Cindy Tucker and Jerry and Mickie McLeary tied for first, Larry and Janet Alexander won third, and Mike and Theresa Harber placed fourth; Second Flight - Jim Turner/Vicky Carnille and Ken and Janice Garrigan tied for first, L.H. and Mary Jane Tyler placed third, George and and Joy Greengrass tied with Will and Jen Guy for fourth; Third Flight - Jimmy and Tina Powell won first, Franklin and Joy Otts tied with Tommy and Sheri Roberts for second, Timmy Bass and Cindy Pool placed fourth. Thanks to all members who helped with cooking, scorekeeping, and the numerous other jobs required to hold such a successfull tournament.



CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT WINNERS - Tying for first as the Championship Flight winners in the Oakhill County Club's Couples Tournament were Woody and Faye Brundige (left) and Jerry and Rosetta Johnson (right). (Photo by Sheri Roberts.)



READY AND WAITING - Justin Cantrell shows he's ready to field the ball when the Cardinals faced Fern Terrace of Wingo.



DOUBLE DUTY - Hickman County's Dan Kimbell (batting) pitched in the Ken-Tenn Classic for the Twin Cities Raiders Senior Babe Ruth team. When the Raiders faced Camden, Kimbell allowed three runs (one earned on two hits) fanning one and walking two. Kimbell picked up two more wins against Ballard and Camden, for the second time. (Photo by Darlene Easterwood.)

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